

The History of Our Nation is Embedded in These Walls



MEDIA ALERT

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FOOD IN THE HISTORY OF THE JEWS

Food has always held a cherished spot in the history of the Jewish people, since it goes far beyond the biblical injunctions that gave rise to kosher cuisine. People have incorporated so-called Jewish dishes into their local fare in countries ranging from the United States to Turkey. Indeed, in Spain people knew them so well that cooking “the Jewish way” became a telltale signal that Inquisition officials used to condemn Jewish converts (*Conversos*) for their continued adherence to Jewish life and ritual.

Andrée Aelion Brooks, journalist and author, who has been studying the topic, will offer a fuller exploration of these topics in a lecture titled, “Food in the History of the Jews,” on Sunday, August 4, as part of our regular “Sundays at the Mill House” series. Bagels and coffee at 10am will precede the lecture at 11am. Ms. Brooks is a former contributing columnist and news writer for the New York Times. She now specializes in writing and teaching about the uncommon stories of Jewish history. Her work has won many awards. Almost every summer she gives a lecture at the Mill House. Over the years, these have become popular annual events. For more information on Ms. Brooks, explore her website: www.andreeaelionbrooks.com

The exploration of food in Jewish life, especially Sephardic life, echoes the theme of the Gomez Mill House Historic Site, which takes its name after an international merchant of Jewish origin, Luis Moses Gomez. Born in Spain, Gomez participated in the lucrative Caribbean trade. He then moved to New York City in the early days of the colony, and later became one of the first Jews to buy land in Northern Orange and Southern Ulster Counties, where he established a trading post near the Hudson River.

**** This program will begin at 11am and is free to the public. The “bagel & coffee” reception will go from 10am until the lecture. Tours of Mill House will follow the presentation. Admission is required (adults \$8, seniors \$6, students/children 18- \$3. Group rates for 10 or more are \$5 per adult, \$2 per child/student. ****

The Gomez Foundation for Mill House is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) established to support the preservation, conservation, and public programs of the Gomez Mill House and Historic Site.

Gomez Mill House is the oldest Jewish dwelling in North America, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Located in Marlboro, New York, it is the oldest historic residence in Orange County. For more information, visit